



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994

133 S. Fitzhugh St.
YOUR ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14608 TEL PHONE: 546-7029

ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Stone - Baker House
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 190 Stonewood Avenue (N.E. corner of Stonecliff Dr.)
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒ 465 Stone Rd.
5. PRESENT OWNER: Anthony Colaruotolo ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14616
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain)
e. other
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when?
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This is a very plain house that has a c. 1920s Colonial Revival porch on it. The porch is nice. The house underneath is quite simple. This is a 'green.'"
P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒ - attached
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ greenhouse ☐
f. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: deciduous trees, coniferous shrubs
j. other: c. 1960s 2-story garden apartments to immediate
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary): east of site.
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☐
d. densely built-up ☒ e. commercial ☒
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1835; remodeled - 1920s-'30s.

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: residential

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This early-19th century house was enlarged and remodeled with Colonial Revival additions, c. 1924-1930s. The additions that appear to date from this remodeling are:

- Front entrance porch with paired columns;
- Enclosed porch at the southeast corner of the house;
- Two-story side gable on east elevation;
- Square window bay with three-panel window on east elevation;
- Six/one, double-hung wood window sash;
- Exterior French doors on the northeast corner of the house;
- Large rectangular window with leaded glass center panel on north elevation (rear) of house;
- Two-car garage and attached breezeway to the north (rear) of the house.

These early 20th-century additions are now part of the historic design of this house.

17. The Stone-Baker House is located on a 164-feet-wide by 170-feet-deep lot on the north side of Stonewood Avenue in the southeast quadrant of the town. The house sits on a slight rise above the roadway. A driveway is located to the west of the house. The house is surrounded by a large lawn with mature deciduous trees. To the immediate northeast is a modern Stonewood Park apartment complex (late 1950s). The surrounding residential neighborhood features early and mid-20th-century houses.

18. The Stone-Baker House is a early-19th-century, frame, vernacular farmhouse with early-20th-century, Colonial Revival details. The present form of this house is a front-gable-and-side-wing plan. The entire house sits on a targeted foundation.

The main block of the house is the 2-1/2-story, front-gabled section with broadly pitched, gabled roof. A corbelled brick chimney is located on the west slope of the roof. This main section is three-bays-wide by four-bays-deep. Fenestration is regular and symmetrical with mostly 6/1, double-hung windows. A narrow cornice and cornerboards are located on this main section, which is sided with wood clapboards. The facade features a fan-shaped window (now covered over with

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wood) in the front gable. Also on the facade is the main entrance porch with gabled roof, open pediment with curved underside, decorative entablature and paired, slender Doric columns on a brick foundation. The six-paneled front door is flanked by rectangular sidelights and Doric pilasters. A one-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch with 6/1, double-hung windows is located at the southeast corner of the house.

Apparently a later-19th-century addition, the rear section of the house includes a two-story, gable-roofed side wing and two-story, gable-roofed rear section. The side-wing section is two-bays-wide and one-bay-deep. The east elevation features a one-story, shed-roofed window bay with 20th-century picture window on the first story and a pair of narrow, double-hung windows on the second story. A small, square window is located on the south elevation.

The two-story, gable-roofed rear section of the house features similar window fenestration and clapboard siding. A pair of early-20th-century French doors are located at the northeast corner of the house. A large, rectangular window with fixed, leaded glass center panel is located on the first story of the north (rear) elevation.

An early-20th-century open breezeway and two-story, gable-roofed garage are attached to the rear (north elevation) of the house.

20. The Stone-Baker House is architecturally significant as a representative early-19th-century vernacular farmhouse with early-20th-century details in the town of Greece. Constructed during two distinctive periods of time (both now historic), the house retains its historic design, materials and detailing. The house is historically significant for its association with the Stone family, pioneer settlers in the town of Greece, as well as the city of Rochester. The house is also significant for its association with the early-20th-century development of Stonewood Avenue from a rural, farming area to a suburban, residential community.

The original, early-19th-century house consists of the front, two-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed section that faces Stonewood Avenue. Characteristics of this early-19th-century period include the broadly pitched roof, symmetrical fenestration, narrow cornice, fan-shaped gable window, and

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three-bay-wide facade.

The Greek Revival movement, which dominated American styled houses during the period from 1830 to 1850, commonly used the front-gabled shape to echo the pedimented facade of typical Greek temples. This form was particularly common in New England and the adjacent northeast region where simple gable-front folk houses also became popular during the pre-railroad era (pre-1850s). This house is a good vernacular example of this front-gabled design.

The two-story, side wing and two-story rear section appear to have been added in the later 19th-century. The pitch of the roof is not as broad as the front of the house and the paired windows on the second story of the east elevation are indicative of late 19th-century design.

In the early-20th century, probably during the 1910s-20s, this house was renovated and Colonial Revival details added to the original building. Characteristic features of the style shown on this house include the elegant front porch with paired Doric columns, the window bay on the east elevation, the 6/6 window sash, the enclosed southeast porch with 6/1 windows, and the large, rectangular window with leaded glass panel on the north elevation. These early-20th century features are now considered part of the historic design of the house.

The precise date of construction for this house has not been determined. Its original architectural style dates from the early-19th century (c. 1830s-50s). A March 13, 1947 Greece Press article titled, "Little Journeys in Stone Road Section" calls this the "old Stone Homestead." It states that "in 1835 Stone and his wife, Sophia, acquired a large tract of land here and built their home." The "Stone" referred to in the article is James S. Stone. James S. Stone was a member of one of the most notable pioneer families in Monroe County. His father was Enos Stone, Jr., who emigrated with his wife in an ox-sled from Connecticut to Rochester in 1810. Enos Stone, Jr.'s brother (and James S. Stone's uncle) was Orringh Stone, who settled on East Avenue in Brighton, where his home (the Stone-Tolan House museum) remains today as the oldest surviving building in Monroe County (c. 1795).

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The Enos Stone, Jr. was born in May 13, 1775 in Lennox, Massachusetts. About 1801, he married Clarissa Stoddard (6/24/1774-5/25/1850). In 1810, they came to this area and settled in a house on the east side of the river between Main Street and Court Street (now Stone St. in downtown Rochester). Enos and Clarissa Stone were the earliest permanent settlers in Rochester. On May 4, 1810, James S. Stone was born to Enos and Clarissa Stone; James was the first white child born in the new settlement.

James S. Stone was one of nine children. On April 4, 1829, he married Sophia P. Coe (died, 11/1870) of LeRoy. In 1835, they moved to the town of Greece, settled on this site, and built the house at 190 Stonewood Avenue. James S. and Sophia had a family of seven children: William Tallmadge (1/5/1839-3/20/1930), Louise P., Clara C., Enos G. (born 6/23/1845; married Sarah A. Todd, daughter of John Todd of Greece), Martin O., Helen, and James.

The 1852 county map shows this area with a road and scattered buildings. The road begins at Lake Avenue, proceeds directly west (along present Stonewood Ave.), then turns southwest (at the current intersection of Stone Road and Stonewood Ave.). It continues southwest (present Stone Rd.) toward Barnard Crossing (Dewey Ave.). At the turn to the southwest (Stone and Stonewood intersection), two adjacent buildings are shown on the north side of the roadway; they are marked, "J.S. Stone" as owner. The building to the west of the turn in the road appears to be the house at 190 Stonewood Avenue.

The 1858 county map shows only one building at this site (the southwest turn in the roadway); "J.S. Stone" is listed as the owner. James S. Stone served twice as Town of Greece Supervisor: 1846-47 and 1853.

The 1878 county directory lists three Stones in Greece: Enos Stone, farmer, 60 acres of land, mailing address at Charlotte; James Stone, farmer, 109 acres of land, mailing address at Charlotte; and James S. Stone, farmer, 92 acres of land, mailing address at Charlotte. James S. is the father; Enos and James are his sons.

In November, 1870, Sophia Coe Stone died, leaving her husband, James S. a widower. James S. Stone survived her by nearly 22 years - dying on January 2, 1892. It is not clear whether the ownership of the house changed after Sophia's

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death, but the 1872 county map shows only one building at this site and it is owned by their son, William T. Stone. Perhaps he briefly owned the house at #190 Stonewood Avenue. A 1947 Greece Press article, however, states that "William built his home where the Matthews and Fields Lumber Co. is now located." On the 1902 county map there are clearly two Stone-owned houses located on adjacent parcels on the northside of Stonewood Avenue: the house at #190 and a house to the east (on the present site of Matthews and Fields Lumber Co. at 120 Stonewood Road).

A photo from the Town Historian's office (see attachments) appears to be this house at #120 Stonewood Avenue. It is titled: "Pine Cottage 1890" and on the back of the original are written the names: Elizabeth, Lucy and Clara Stone." These are the names of William T. Stone's three daughters (he also had three sons). The house is clearly not the home at #190 Stonewood Avenue. Its scale, gable-roofed design, window placement/sizes, and detailing appear to date from the later-19th century (i.e. 1870s-80s). A copy of this photo was donated to the Town Historian's office in 1986 by Alan Stone, a grandson of William T. Stone. Alan Stone states that his father, Walter King Stone (son of William T.) "was brought up in this house."

The 1902 county map shows a house and 11-acre parcel owned by "George B. Stone" at 190 Stonewood Avenue (road is not named on the map). This is the first map to show a roadway extending westward from the Stone Rd./Stonewood Ave. intersection. The relationship of George B. Stone to James S. Stone and William T. Stone has not been determined. George S. Stone also owned a 12.3-acre parcel to the northwest of this site.

To the west of #190 is a 12.3-acre parcel (no buildings) owned by Louis P. Stone. To the east of #190 is the 30-acre parcel owned by William T. Stone with his house located at the southeast corner of the property, adjacent to the railroad tracks. There was a fourth property owned by the Stone family - this was a house on Stone Road, southwest of the curve (at Stone and Stonewood). It was located on the west side of the road and was built by Enos G. Stone, another son of James S. Stone. Enos eventually sold the house to the Kingsbury family and later went to California where he established a citrus fruit farm.

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The 1947 Greece Press article also mentions a tenant house: "Louise (daughter of James S.) fell heir to the tenant house, which James built across the lane in front of the Homestead" at 190 Stonewood Avenue. The article continues: "in 1898, John and Frederick Wendt and son George acquired the tenant house. George married Gertrude Baker and in 1906 built his home on the flat iron piece of land formed by the lane with Stone Road. He also built another house on the lane which was acquired by George Humphrey in 1913. Mr. Humphrey with his sisters Ethel and Mary still reside there (in 1947). George fell heir to the old homestead on the lane and it is now occupied by his daughter Esther and her husband Lt. Col. Stalham Baker." Stalham Baker was raised in this neighborhood and grew up in a house on Stone Road (see "Little Journeys In Stone Road Section" attachment). The Bakers later subdivided their Stone Road property and created roads named after family members: Conrad, Almay, Estall and Bakerdale.

The 1924 county map shows the property at 190 Stonewood Ave. as an 11.4-acre parcel owned by Stalham Baker. It is also marked as "Stalham S. Baker 57-5," evidently a reference to the subdivision of four small building lots at the former southwest corner of the property (along Forgham Rd.). The house and a garage are shown at #190 Stonewood Ave. with extensive acreage extending to the north. To the east at #120 Stonewood Ave. is the W.T. Stone property, that consists of 16.53 acres, a house, a small outbuilding and a second, larger outbuilding to the north. The Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburgh Railroad track extends along the eastern boundary of this site.

The beginnings of suburban development in the Stonewood/Stone area is seen on the 1924 map. Stonecliff Drive has been laid out to the west of #190 Stonewood Avenue; building lots are shown, but no houses have yet been built. Bennington Drive has been laid out to the southeast.

By 1927, the W. T. Stone property at 120 Stonewood Ave. was acquired by Matthews and Fields Lumber Company. The Stone house there was demolished and a small, frame business office was constructed near the roadway (visible in attached 1941 photo). The 1930 suburban directory shows Stalham S. and Esther Baker still living at #190 Stonewood Ave.; he is listed in "real estate." It appears that the remodeling of the house with Colonial Revival details (porch, columns,

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windows, etc.) occurred during the Stalhams ownership.

The Stone family's prominence in early Monroe County and town of Greece history is seen in the 1930 obituary of William Tallmadge Stone. The obituary appeared on the front page of the Democrat & Chronicle of March 21, 1930 and is titled:

"Son of First White Child Born in Rochester Dies at Age 91
Willlliam Tallmadge Stone Met All Presidents From
Buchanan to Taft"

"Another of Monroe County's pioneers passed on yesterday afternoon, when William Tallmadge Stone, the son of James S. Stone, the first white child born in Rochester, died at the Field Sanatorium on Lake Avenue. He had been ill for two months. Death was caused by old age."

"Mr. Stone was a grandson of Enos Stone, who emigrated with his wife in an ox-sled from Connecticut to Rochester in 1810. James S. Stone was born in a house on the east side of the river between Main Street East and Court Street, on May 4, 1810, and was the first white child born in the new settlement."

"James S. Stone later cleared and settled the Stone farm in Stone Road, Greece and it was there William T. Stone was born on Jan. 5, 1839. William T. Stone made his home on the old homestead until a few years ago when he retired to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Gay of 40 Essex Street."

" Mr. Stone met Abraham Lincoln, once in Springfield, Ill. in 1860, and afterward in 1861, when the Great Emancipator passed through Rochester on his last journey from Washington. It was a matter of pride with Mr. Stone that he met and shook hands with every president from Buchanan to Taft."

"He leaves three sons, Rev. James S. Stone of Sewickly, Pa., Charles H. Stone of Riverside, Calif., and Dr. Walter King Stone, artist and illustrator and professor of art in the College of Architecture, Cornell University; three daughters, Mrs. John F. Hayford of San Jose, Calif., Mrs. James Borroughs of St. Augustine, Fla., and Mrs. Gay of this

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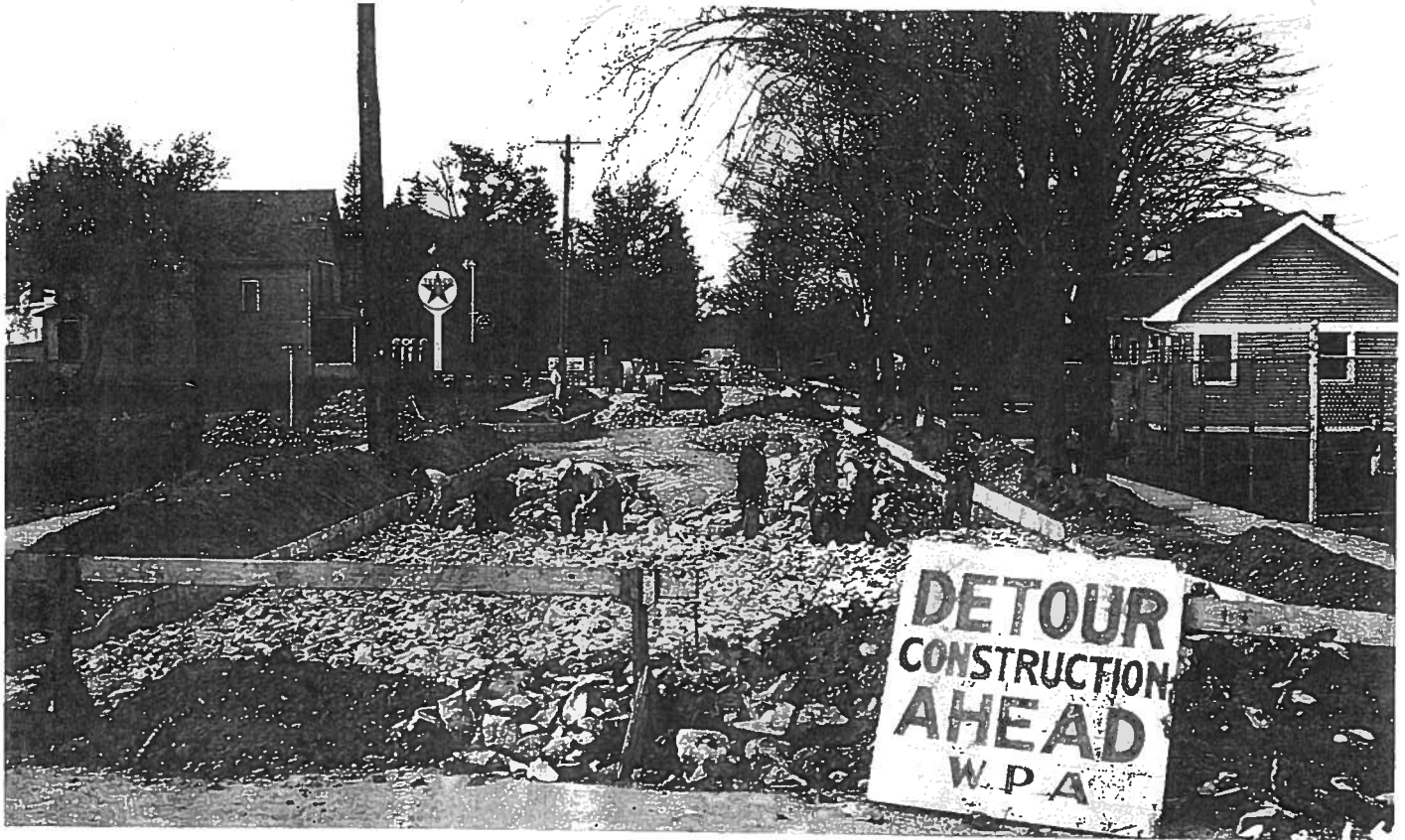
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city, eighteen grandchildren and great grandchildren."

"Funeral arrangements will be announced later."

The 1959 county map shows this property at #190 Stonewood Avenue as a 224.19-feet-wide by 650.9-feet-deep property. The house and garage are shown, as well as a long brick building to the northeast of the house (one of the present apartment buildings next door). The parcel is marked as "Stalham S. Baker 57-5 Stonewood Gardens Inc." apparently in reference to the apartment complex.

21. See final report for bibliography; Town of Greece Historian's files; site visit and interview with John C. & John F. Fields, 4/1995.



Laying base in Stonewood Avenue, one of 75 WPA projects in the town, completed by 1941. look: . 1941

This is a view of Stonewood Avenue, looking west toward Stone Road intersection.

On the left you can see the street sign for Bennington Drive; just beyond it is the Kulzer's house and the "TEXACO" sign & gas pumps for Kulzer Brothers Gas Station at 145 Stonewood Avenue. Just beyond the station is Stone Road (the gas station was actually on the southeast corner of Stonewood Ave. & Stone Rd.). The sign for Stone Road (very small) is visible to the left of the large-wheeled grading machine.

On the right is the fenced-in property of Matthews & Fields Lumber Company. Just inside the fence is the gable-roofed, 1-story frame office building (with small, square windows). John M. Fields, CEO of the lumber company, states that the office building was constructed about 1927. This property at 120 Stonewood Ave. was formerly the farm of William T. Stone. The Stone Homestead at 190 Stonewood Ave. is not visible (it is on the right, beyond the trees & Stone Rd. intersection).

120 and 190 Stonewood Ave. - original family:

W.T. Stone
obituary

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Son of First White Child Born in Rochester Dies at Age of 91

William Tallmadge Stone
Met All Presidents From
Buchanan to Taft



WILLIAM T. STONE

Stone of Seneca, N. Y., Charles H. Stone of Liverpool, N. Y., and Dr. Walter H. Stone, architect and instructor and professor of art in the College of Architecture, Cornell University, three daughters, Mrs. Jane E. Hildner of San Jose, Calif., Mrs. James Hildner of St. Augustine, Fla., and Mrs. May of this city, survived grand children.

In the Spring a Young
Man's Fancies Turn—

Hold Two in Detroit
for Rochester Holdup

GRAND JURY URGES NEW ALMSHOUSE

Finds Crowded, Insanitary,
and Dangerous Conditions;
It Tells Judge Taylor

SAYS MORE LAND NEEDED

Hospital as Bad; Suggests
Increase of Present \$4
Pay for Jurors

Recommendation of the project to erect new and suitable buildings for care and maintenance of persons in the County Home and Hospital is made by the Grand Jury which reported yesterday to Supreme Court Justice March D. Taylor.

"The present facilities are greatly overcrowded," the resolution stated. "We find there is not ample room for expansion or improvement of the present buildings. It is necessary to provide more modern buildings to preserve the health and welfare of patients therein."

Diplomatically Confronted

In our visit to the County Home we found a deliberate congested condition existing, particularly in the men's department, where the building is being occupied by a large number of patients.

Two pictures of George
night picture of
with him.

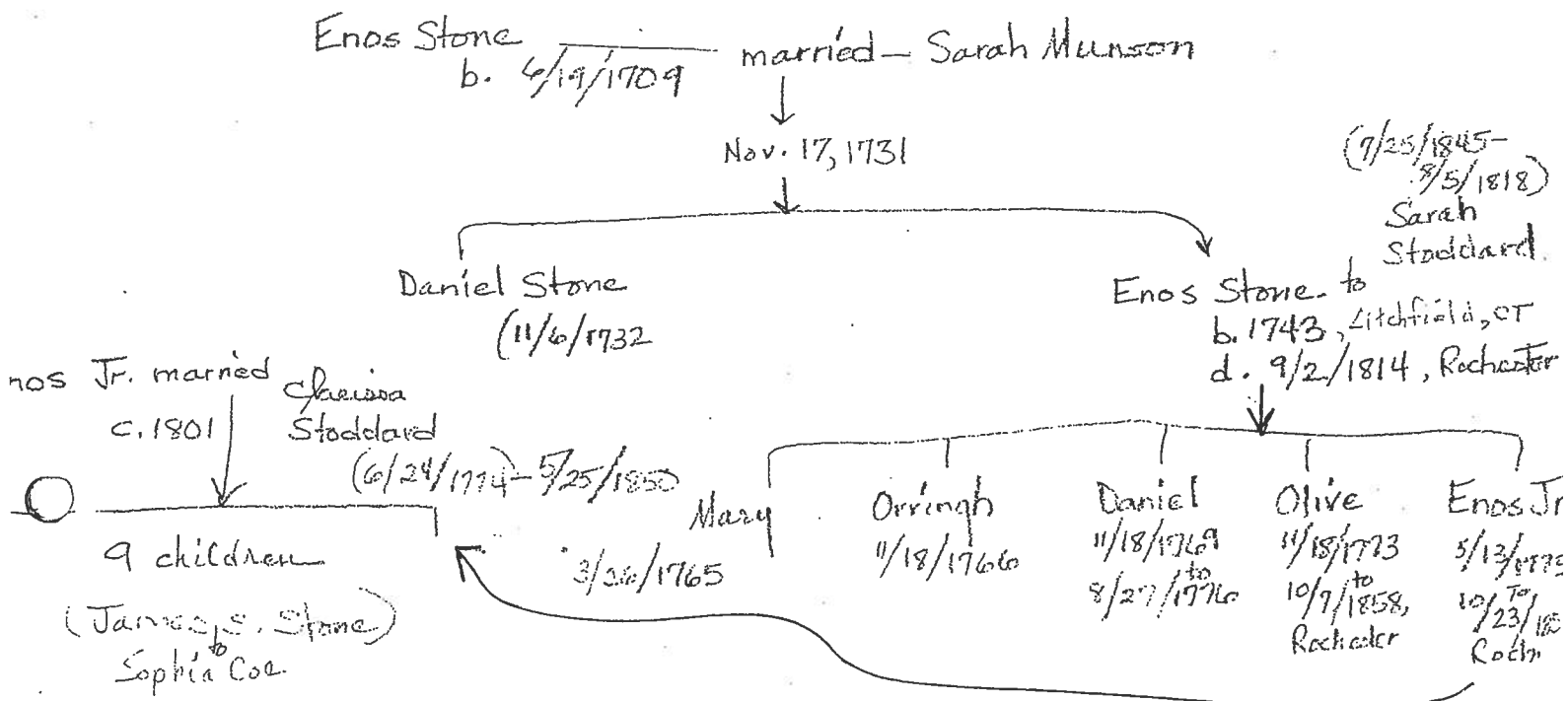
BOND ISSUE
IN BRIGHT

lieutenant fished, he loaned his gun to two of his men who promptly deserted, too. He pursued them as far as Orringh Stone's where they had stopped, but lost track of them there. The officer became Lord Hill of the Peninsular Wars.

Orringh Stone's father, Captain Enos Stone from Lenox, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, is buried on the north slope of Revolutionary Hill in Mt. Hope Cemetery. He was descended from William Stone of Guilford, Connecticut, son of the Rev. Samuel Stone, a non-conformist divine of Hereford, Herefordshire, England. With his wife, Hannah and a brother, John, Samuel Stone came to New England and with the Rev. Henry Whitfield's first company in 1639. Theirs was the first vessel to enter the harbor of New Haven. They named their new settlement Guilford, after Guilford, England. The old Stone home, erected about 1640 is believed to be the oldest house now standing in the United States. It was utilized as a fort, and there was solemnized the first marriage in Guilford, celebrated by a wedding supper of pork and beans.

Enos¹ (Daniel, William, Samuel), born to Daniel and Elizabeth Talmadge Stone on June 19, 1709 at Guilford, married Sarah Munson, daughter of John Munson and Sarah Cooper of New Haven on November 17, 1731. His sons were Daniel, born November 6, 1732, and Enos, born at Litchfield in 1743, who died at Rochester September 2, 1814. Enos' wife, Sarah Stoddard, daughter of James Stoddard and Abigail Peck, born July 25, 1745, entered into rest August 5, 1818. Their five children were: Mary, born March 26, 1765 at Litchfield; Orringh, born November 18, 1766 in Litchfield; Daniel, born November 18, 1769 at Litchfield, died August 27, 1776; Olive, born November 18, 1773 in Lenox, married Moses Hall and died in Rochester October 7, 1858 and Enos Jr. born May 13, 1775 in Lenox, who died October 23, 1851 in Rochester. He had married about 1801 Clarissa Stoddard, born June 24, 1774 in Litchfield. She died May 25, 1850 in Rochester, the mother of nine children. In 1777, Enos Sr., a magistrate and judge of probate at Lenox, commanded a company which enlisted at Lenox and was attached to the Northern Army stationed at Fort Ticonderoga. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Hubbardton July 7, 1777, and later paroled and sent by sea from Quebec to New York City, where he arrived December 21, 1777. He joined with General Caleb Hyde of Lenox and four others in the purchase of Brighton, where he settled with his three sons, each on a good farm. Enos, Jr., the earliest permanent settler of the city of Rochester, lived on the east bank of the Genesee and owned what is now the heart of the city. He was local land agent for Colonel Rochester.

North Hill



Little Journeys In Stone Road Section

As Related By Clay D. Richards

* Greece Press —
Mar. 13, 1947.

Further along the road we see a big white house in a clump of poplar trees. This is the home of Conrad Baker, his wife Lydia and children Gertrude, Albert, Ida and Stalham. Save for a front porch and a west wing, the house is as it was first built by a Mr. Sprague in 1860. After Mr. Sprague the house was occupied by James Forgham and sister Ann, both unmarried. Old Forgham, the folks called him, was a jack of all trades, woodsman, horse doctor and mechanic. He was called to treat all the sick animals in the locality, often tramping miles through the woods for a fee of one dollar, and often times receiving fifty cents. The small industry of Kodak Co. frequently called on him for mechanical assistance. Later this farm was acquired by Conrad Baker. This, added to other land holdings, gave him a sizeable farm which he set heavily to cherries, peaches and raspberries. By judicious management, heavy fertilizing and hard work he became the "Peach King"

of Stone Road.

The Bakers have perpetuated their name in the community for on their subdivision we find streets named Conrad, Almay, Estall and Bakerdale. The old home is now occupied by Nora May Baker, widow of Albert, former sheriff of Monroe County, and leader in Republican Party in the Town of Greece for many years.

Diagonally across the road, a little further down, is a large brown house surrounded by a grove of fine tall pine trees. This house was built by ~~James~~ Stone, son of an early settler, later owned by John S. Wright who subdivided the place. Dr. Egan now occupies the house.

Next we come to an old dwelling house and greenhouse, erected many years ago by one Frank Payne. After him it was operated by Earnest Renstow, then by Craigs, then by William Farnham and is now operated by William Schulz.

The Stone Family

Turning into a small farm land running due west from the Stone Road we come to the old Stone Homestead, a big white frame house surrounded by Maple trees. In 1835 Stone and wife Sophia acquired a large tract of land

here and built their home. Their children were Helen, James, William, Louise, Clara, Enos and Martin. William built his home where the Matthew and Field Lumber Co. is now located, and torn down by them to make place for their business. Enos built the house sold to Kingsbury and later went to California where he established a citrus fruit farm. Louise fell heir to the tenant house which James built across the lane in front of the Homestead. In 1898 John and Frederick Wendt and son George acquired the tenant house. George married Gertrude Baker and in 1906 built his home on the flat iron piece of land formed by the lane with Stone Road. He also built another house on the lane which was acquired by George Humphrey in 1913. Mr. Humphrey with his sisters Ethel and Mary still reside there. George fell heir to the old homestead on the lane and it is now occupied by his daughter Esther and her husband Lt. Col. Stalham Baker.

Now we step out of the neighbor again to relate the story of Thunder Burns. In the olden days there lived on English Road a loud boisterous, happy go lucky fellow by the name of Burns. He was fond of noise and bustle. A good shot with rifle and shot gun, he won most of the shooting matches held in the vicinity. The country was still pretty heavily wooded, the swales and streams were crossed with heavy logs on which were laid heavy hard wood planks. On approaching these crossings, Burns would whip his horses to a gallop and the heavy wagon rattling, rickety rackets, bing, bam-boom over the planks sounded like thunder on the quiet evening air. So the folks called him THUNDER BURNS

There are several old time families living along the McCall Road whom we shall now visit. Starting with Charles Fry and wife Mary. They live in a little old house and are engaged in growing flowers for the Rochester Market. At this time Rochester was known as Flower City and shipped flowers all over the country. Their business is now carried on by Austin Thompson.

Next to them we visit Frank Bennett and wife Georgia, and sons Ralph and Roy. They are also growing flowers. Roy now carries on the business. Then up a short lane we find Reuben Johnson and his brother Al. They are intensive market gardeners. Their acreage is now covered with many dwelling houses known as the Johnson Tract. Next along the road we find George Bennett and wife Emma operating a floral business. This business was later purchased by Thomas Clifford and wife Mary Ann.

Next we find James McCall wife Rose and children John, Frank, Harold, Raymond and Hazel. James and his brother John have a big dairy farm here. They sell farm machinery and cattle feed. James also established the Ford Automobile Agency on Dorsey

Avenue, which was carried on for many years by his sons John and Harold.

At the end of the road we find Earnest Frear and wife. Their children are Earnest, Arthur, Clarence and Esther. Earnest is starting a flower business which is now carried on by Earnest J., Clarence and Esther. Arthur is in the automobile business.

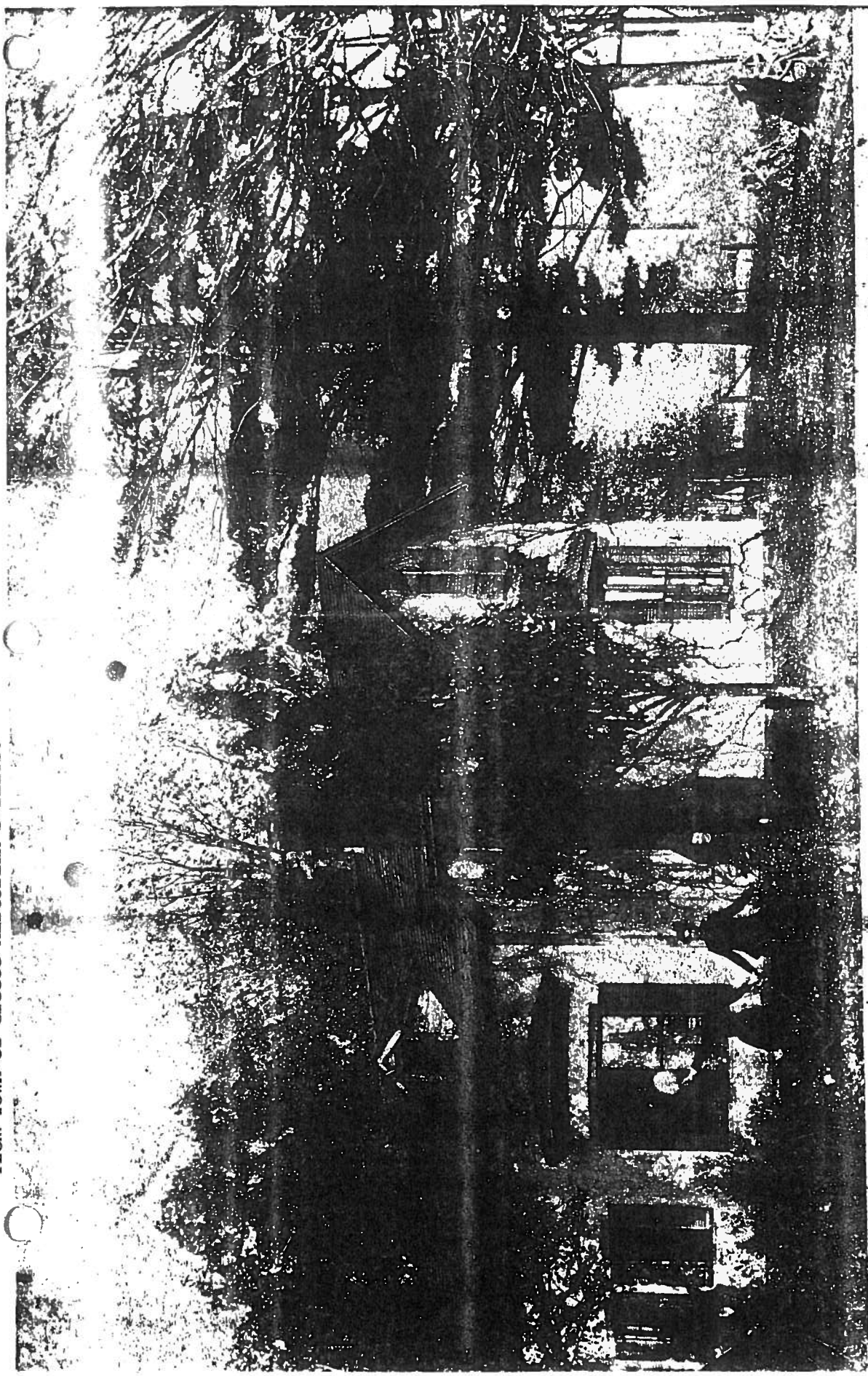
Our little journeys in the Barnard neighborhood are at an end. We hope that you have been pleasantly entertained and enjoyed your visits with the Old Timers.

When we began these journeys in 1908 there were barely 150 people living along the three roads mentioned, and on side roads except Forest Avenue and Dorsey Road. Now as this story goes to press in March of 1947, there are some six or eight thousand people living in the same neighborhood, a remarkable growth of population.

Clay D. Richards

James S.

190 Stonewood Ave.



PINE COTTAGE OCT. 1890
(PINE COTTAGE 1890)

120 Stonewood Ave., Greece, NY
(demolished)

On the back of the original photo it says: "Elizabeth, Lucy & Clara Stone. Taken by Jno. Skinner & Son." *These are the daughters of William T. Stone, who built this house. They are Walter King Stone's sisters; Alan Stone's aunts. Written information on the back of the copy of this photo says: "Original photo loaned to John Wenrich by Alan Stone of Bethesda, MD. Alan is son of Walter King Stone, who was brought up in this house on Stone Road, Greece, NY. Walter's father was William Stone. This was a farm. (per John Wenrich, 12/86)."

This appears to be the house that was located on the site of the present Matthews & Fields Lumber Co., 120 Stonewood Ave. By 1947, this house was demolished & the lumber company buildings were constructed here.

THE SKINNER AND SON

120 STONEWOOD AVENUE historical summary of Matthews & Fields Lumber Co. there:

HISTORICAL NOTE

9/6/84

The origin of Matthews & Fields Lumber dates back to approximately 1900. At that time Alanzo Matthews, originally a native of Canada, imported logs from Canada aboard his own schooner the "Robert McDonald". The Matthew's home was on River Street at Charlotte overlooking the Genesee River.

Later Alanzo Matthews went into the retail lumber business which he operated on land behind his new residence at 3841 Lake Avenue. In the 1920's the business was relocated at 120 Stonewood Avenue in the town of Greece. After Alanzos death in 1934 the business was operated by Alanzos son in law, Leslie Fields and Alanzos daughter, Lena Matthews. At the onset of World War II, Miss Matthews retired. After the war, the business was operated by Leslie Fields and his son, Donald. In 1958 Leslie's son, Jack entered the business.

In 1960, Donald and Jack founded Matthews & Fields Lumber of Henrietta. Today, the businesses are managed by Jack, Jack's son John, and Scott and Douglas Fields, sons of Donald Fields.

A painting of the schooner docked at Charlotte will be at the Homearama. This note will be posted next to it for anyone interested.

— from historic notebook at Matthews & Fields Lumber Co.

